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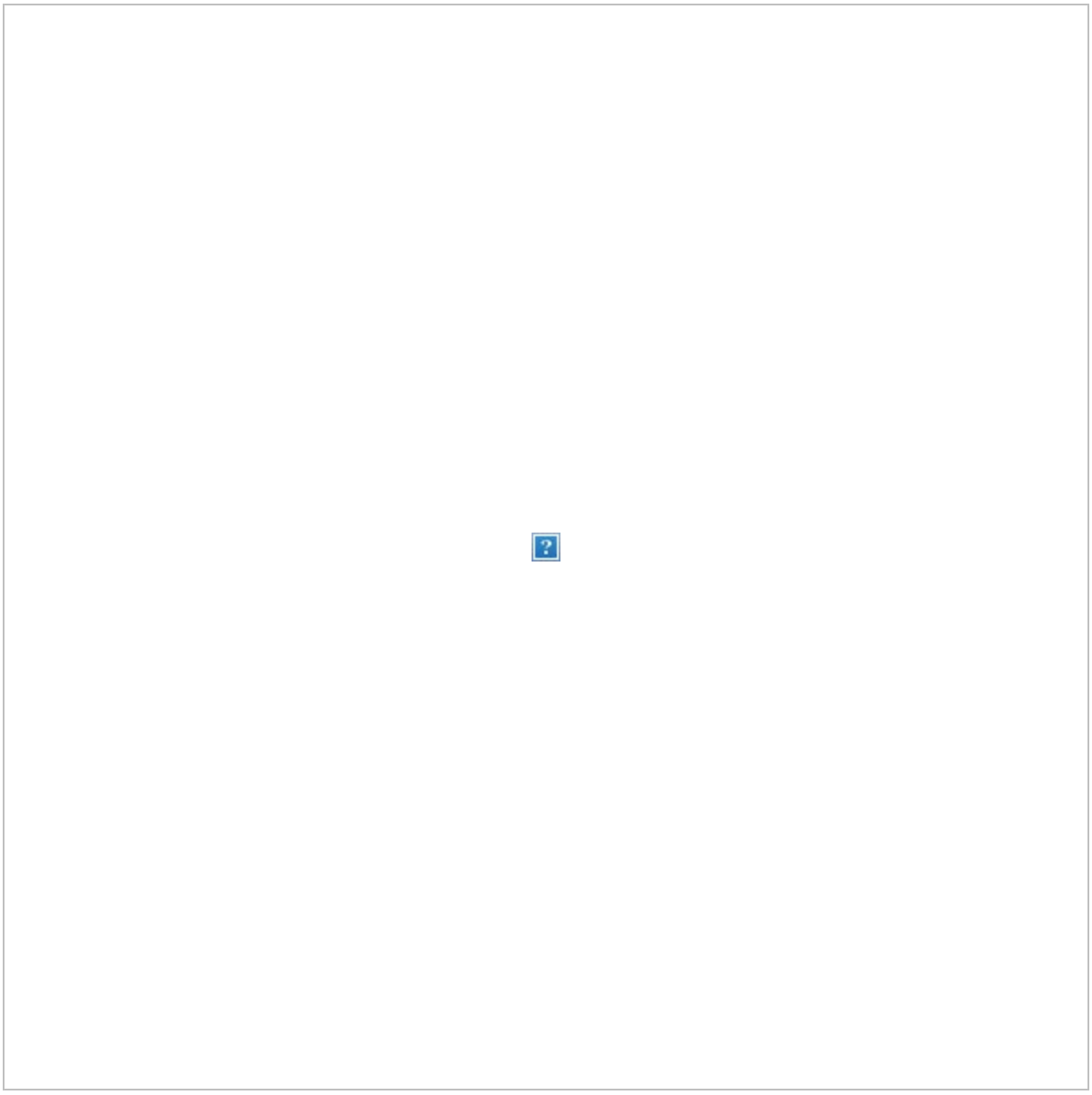

Carolina Hurricanes

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## Lawmakers overturn Stein’s veto of tax bill

The North Carolina General Assembly overturned Gov. Josh Stein’s veto on Wednesday, the first successful override of the 2026 legislative session. The new law passed as a result allows taxpayers to receive a federal tax break for donating to scholarship-granting organizations. That includes scholarships for private schools...

**Data Centers:** The North Carolina House passed legislation that would require

data centers to bear the costs of new energy infrastructure, ban the use of eminent domain to acquire land and prohibit local governments from offering new economic incentives to the industry...

**Shoplifting Prevention:** Science fiction could become reality in North Carolina if a provision tucked inside a criminal offenses enhancement bill becomes law...

**Campus Voting:** Republican election officials in Jackson County say they were pressured — by their own party and the state auditor's office, one says — to reject a plan for an early voting site on Western Carolina University's campus...

**Religious Instruction:** A state legislative committee has backed a bill that would allow North Carolina public school students to miss class to attend religious instruction during school hours...

**AI Tutoring:** Sen. Michael Lee, R-New Hanover, a key sponsor of Senate Bill 1006, defended the decision to direct more than $10 million in recurring state funding to Khan Academy for a statewide AI tutoring program...

**Involuntary Commitment:** A bill aimed that attempts to improve the state's process for evaluating criminal suspects for mental health problems passed the state House of Representatives on Wednesday...

**School Calendars:** The number of North Carolina school districts defying the state's school calendar law is increasing with a record number choosing to begin the school year in early to mid-August...

**Plate Readers:** North Carolina lawmakers advanced a bill Wednesday that would make permanent a statewide pilot program expanding the use of highway license-plate readers...

**Hurricane Homelessness:** In 2024-25, while the United States saw a small overall decline in homelessness, North Carolina was moving rapidly in the other direction...

**Education Resolution:** State lawmakers are advancing a symbolic measure calling for Congress to eliminate the U.S. Department of Education...

**Drug Checking:** For the third year in a row, drug overdose deaths in the U.S. have trended downward...

**Residential Zoning:** The Triad's three urban cities would be included in a potentially major expansion of residential redevelopment options within areas zoned for commercial, business and industrial use...

**Lejeune Plaintiffs:** The federal government has launched a fierce legal salvo against Camp Lejeune toxic water plaintiffs...

**Bladen Commission:** A number of Bladen County's Black residents showed up to a Monday board of commissioners meeting in Elizabethtown to object to a

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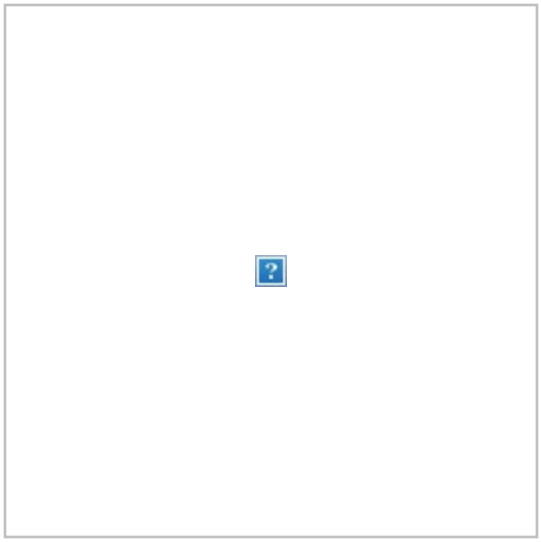

**Tackling chronic disease – and costs – with healthy food**

Health outcomes — and health care costs — are shaped beyond the doctor's office. For the 1 million North Carolinians managing diabetes, the food on their plate can have a direct impact on health and spending.

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